

are available for public inspection at the North Suburban District Public Library, 5540 Elevator Road, Roscoe, Illinois and at the U.S. EPA Records Center, Superfund Division 7-J, Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. You should address your comments to Janice S. Loughlin, Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Mail Code C-29A, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, and should refer to the Evergreen Manor Groundwater Contamination Site, Winnebago County, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Ribordy, Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code SR-6J), or Janice S. Loughlin, Associate Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code C-14J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604. Mr. Ribordy can be reached at (312) 886-4592 and Ms. Loughlin can be reached at (312) 886-7158.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into a *de minimis* settlement pursuant to section 122(g)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(4). This proposed settlement is intended to resolve the liabilities under CERCLA of four *de minimis* parties for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the Metal Bank Superfund Site, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before May 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and should refer to: *In Re: Metal Bank Superfund Site*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S. EPA Docket No. III-98-086-DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Keplinger (Mail Code-2272A) (202) 564-4221, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, 401 "M" Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of *De Minimis* Settlement: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of CERCLA, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Metal Bank Superfund Site, in Philadelphia, Pa. The agreement was proposed by EPA Region III on April 3, 1996. Subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice, the agreement is subject to the approval of the Attorney General or her designee, United States Department of Justice. Below are listed the parties who have executed binding certifications of their consent to participate in this settlement:

1. Cabot Corporation
2. Delmarva Power & Light Company
3. General Electric Company
4. Gould Electronics, Inc.

These four parties collectively have agreed to pay \$174,865.16 subject to the contingency that EPA may elect not to complete the settlement if comments received from the public during this comment period disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Money collected from *de minimis* parties will be used for past response costs incurred at or in connection with the Site, projected future response costs to be incurred at or in connection with the Site, and includes a premium to cover the risk that unknown conditions are discovered or information previously unknown to EPA is received.

EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of sections 122(g) and 107 of CERCLA. Section 122(g) authorizes early settlements with *de minimis* parties to allow them to resolve their liabilities at Superfund Sites without incurring substantial transaction costs. Under this authority, EPA proposes to settle with a number of potentially responsible parties at the Metal Bank Superfund Site, each of whom is responsible for less than one percent of the volume of hazardous substance disposed of at the Site. EPA issued a draft settlement proposal on June 28, 1996, invited comments and challenges to the volumetric ranking. On August 5, 1998, EPA issued a final

settlement proposal embodied in the Administrative Order on Consent which included several modifications made in response to comments by *de minimis* parties in letters to EPA and during negotiations with the Agency. The proposed settlement reflects and was agreed upon based on conditions known to parties on August 28, 1998. *De minimis* settling parties will be required to pay their volumetric share of the Government's past response costs and the estimated future response costs at the Metal Bank Site excluding any federal claims for natural resource damages or any Commonwealth of Pennsylvania claims.

The Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this Agreement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this document. A copy of the proposed Administrative Order on Consent may be obtained from Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS11) in EPA's Region III Office, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, (telephone: 215/814-3161).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Colorado's Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On December 21, 1998, the State of Colorado submitted an application for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces EPA's receipt of Colorado's application, a 45-day public comment period, and an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application. Colorado has provided a certification stating that its program meets the requirements for approval of a State program under section 404 of TSCA. Therefore, pursuant to section 404 of